

SUBJECT No. 95.

Opening of an Agricultural College instead of the annual Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition.

Mr. A. Ramanna, Yedatore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An Agricultural College with a demonstration farm wherein sons of ryots and others will get a practical training in agriculture and in using agricultural machinery will better diffuse a knowledge of agriculture, etc., than the holding of annual exhibitions. The impressions produced by these annual exhibitions are not lasting. The exhibitions may be held once in five years and from the savings thus effected, it will be possible to maintain an Agricultural College in the State.

Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.—Scholarships can be granted only to a few persons. It is not easy to secure admission into the Agricultural College at Coimbatore, and the standard of qualification required, viz., the Matriculation Examination, operates as a bar against pupils of the agricultural classes.

Mr. Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board.—The people are glad that two local officers have been sent for the study of agriculture to Europe; and when they return an Agricultural College may be established.

Reply of Government.—Noted. For the present scholarships are granted for study in the Coimbatore College.

SUBJECT No. 96.

Publication of a Text-book on Agriculture.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The want of a text-book on Agriculture is greatly felt in the State. One may kindly be compiled and published, both in English and Kannada. Encouragement may also be given to those who publish pamphlets on the subject. In British India there are such excellent text-books such as those published by Mr. Mollison and Mr. Mukerjee. A text-book on the lines of these is very essential. The text-book should also explain agricultural methods practised elsewhere.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 97.

Veterinary hospitals for each taluk.

Mr. S. Parvatappa, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is a Local Fund Dispensary in each taluk. The Hospital Assistant in charge of it may be given a training for six months in one of the veterinary schools so that he may treat the cattle also in his taluk. He may be allowed an allowance for this additional work. This will save the Government the extra expense needed for establishing a separate veterinary hospital in each taluk.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done. The extension of the veterinary department is kept steadily in view as far as funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 98.

Breeding horses and bulls to be kept in veterinary hospitals.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A breeding galloway-sized horse and a breeding bull may be kept in charge of veterinary surgeons in order to improve the breed in parts of the state where cattle and ponies have deteriorated in.

breed. A large stallion was sent last year to Chikmagalur, but this was unsuitable to the undersized animals, of which the ponies found in the State as a rule consist.

Reply of Government.—Noted. It is not possible to prescribe any uniform method. Deputy Commissioners will take such steps as may be necessary for the improvement of stock in their district. The question of keeping breeding bulls in veterinary dispensaries will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 99.

Encouragement to local industries.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikanthaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Industries of all kinds may be started in the State, so as to utilise the natural resources of the country, *e.g.*, iron foundries, sugar manufactories, water-mills, etc. It may be said that it is the duty of the people to take to these industries and the business of the Government is merely to give them such encouragement as is possible. As the people are sunk in ignorance and do not know where and how to begin, Government should train the people in the first instance.

(2) The appointment of a full-time expert officer to start such industries after a thorough study of the industries in and out of India, and of the resources of the country, may be kindly sanctioned. Without such special study it is impossible to have any idea as to the exact industrial condition of the State and the means necessary for its improvement.

Reply of Government.—Government have the industrial development of the State always in view and every possible encouragement is given. The difficulty does not lie so much in not knowing what is necessary and in not having experts, as in making the people avail themselves of the services of experts and show signs of enterprise. A young man has recently returned from Japan, who has made a special study of sericulture and Government would be glad to see those interested in the silk industry profit by his services.

SUBJECT No. 100.

Appointment of a separate officer for the Agricultural and Commercial Departments.

Mr V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The desire of Government to improve agriculture and other industries has not been realized for want of a separate officer to work in that direction. One such officer may be appointed and necessary improvements introduced with his advice. It is not sufficient to have a specialist like Dr. Lehmann. The officer chosen should have a practical knowledge of all branches of agriculture and not one who carries on highly specialized experiments.

Reply of Government.—Noted.